

House Resolution 1353

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th and Jones of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Ira Bodker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with
3 the passing of Ira Bodker; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born in 1929 in the Bronx, New York; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he graduated from James Munroe High School and went on to attend college
6 at the City University of New York; and
- 7 WHEREAS, with a strong desire to serve his country, Mr. Bodker joined the United States
8 Army and served with distinction both stateside and abroad during the Korean War; and
- 9 WHEREAS, upon returning home, he met and married his beloved wife, Gertrude, and they
10 settled in Suffern, New York, and became the proud parents of sons Brian and Michael; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bodker was employed in the garment industry, working in New York for
12 organizations such as Lane's; Stix, Baer, and Fuller; and finally with Richway, a division of
13 Rich's Department Store; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted himself to the garment industry
15 and was recognized for his exemplary talents by a transfer to St. Louis, Missouri, with
16 Richway; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he later moved his family to DeKalb County, Georgia, in 1970; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he remained with Richway contributing his leadership talents until his
19 retirement as senior vice president; and

1 WHEREAS, he and his family were active members of Congregation Beth Jacob; throughout
2 the years, Mr. Bodker held various positions, including serving on the board of directors; and
3 he was extremely active in guiding the congregation in matters of operations and finance due
4 to his extensive background in these areas; and

5 WHEREAS, both of his sons, Mike and Brian are very proud of the hundreds of hours of
6 service he gave to the Congregation Beth Jacob; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a true patriarch to his children, grandchildren, family, and friends and
8 will be dearly missed; it is fitting and proper that we extend sympathy to his family and
9 friends.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
11 members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Ira
12 Bodker and extend their deepest and most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ira Bodker.